

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door system comprising:
a door for closing a passenger doorway in a vehicle body of a vehicle;
a pivot arm having a first end pivotally connected to a first end of the door, and a second end pivotally connectable to the vehicle; and
a guide mounted on a second end of the door for engagement with a guide track on the vehicle, the pivot arm and the guide cooperating to cause the door to pivot and slide relative to the vehicle as the door moves between an open and closed position;
characterized in that the vehicle body includes a body panel disposed adjacent the passenger doorway which includes a substantially horizontal recessed section that is configured to receive the pivot arm therein and maintain [[it]] the pivot arm flush with the body panel when the vehicle door is disposed in the [[door]] closed position.

2. (Currently Amended) The vehicle door system according to claim 1, including a first hinge pivotally coupling the second end of the pivot arm to the vehicle body about a first pivot axis, and a second hinge pivotally coupling the first end of the pivot arm to the vehicle door about a second pivot axis, the first pivot axis comprising a substantially vertical axis and being substantially parallel to the second pivot axis.

3. (Currently Amended) The vehicle door system according to claim 2, wherein the first hinge is disposed proximate the recessed section.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The vehicle door system according to claim 2, wherein the passenger doorway includes said guide track disposed adjacent a lower portion thereof, and the vehicle door includes said guide ~~[[arm]]~~ received within the guide track for supporting the vehicle door.

7. (Currently Amended) The vehicle door system according to claim 6, wherein the passenger doorway has a pair of opposite sides, the pivot arm is disposed adjacent one of the opposite sides, and the guide track comprises a substantially linear guide track extending between the opposite sides, the linear guide track including an arcuate end disposed adjacent the other of the opposite sides and extending inwardly into the vehicle interior.

8. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door for fitting to a vehicle body, the vehicle body including a vehicle interior and a passenger doorway exposing the vehicle interior, the vehicle door comprising:

a vehicle door frame including an upper portion, a lower portion and a pair of opposite sides extending between the upper and lower portions; and

a pivot arm coupled to the door frame adjacent one of the opposite sides, the pivot arm including a pair of opposite ends, a first of the opposite ends including a first hinge for pivotally coupling the pivot arm to the vehicle body about a first pivot axis, the second end including a second hinge pivotally coupling the pivot arm to the vehicle door frame ~~[[to the support arm]]~~ about a second pivot axis;

characterized in that the vehicle body includes a body panel disposed adjacent the passenger doorway which includes a substantially horizontal recess section that is configured to receive the pivot arm therein and maintain ~~[[it]]~~ the pivot arm flush with the body panel when the vehicle door is disposed in the door closed position, and

wherein the doorway includes a guide track, and the vehicle door includes a guide arm disposed adjacent the lower portion of the vehicle door frame for guiding the vehicle door along the guide track.

9. (Original) The vehicle door according to claim 8, wherein the first pivot axis is parallel to the second pivot axis.

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10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)